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Dear Bud,

At the end of my broadcast on WVAVyesterday Bob Castorr phoned me. He and Trudy had liked it very much, another indication they are not typical of the conservative attitude, and invited us over. We spent the rest of the day, until about 10 p.m. with them, and learned a few things that they had recalled since our last meeting. I told them I'd like to have us get together again, with you, for those things in which you had interest, and they agreed.

Bob's work takes him out of town regularly. I think you should note those things you are interested in, the questions you would like to ask, in advance of this meeting. If you have no copy of my previous interviews, I suggest you read mine first, for there are questions left over from that.

I am more than ever convinced that father Mechem knew things in advance of the assassination. They agree Sylvia Odio could have told him her fears and knowldge in the confessional. Trudy believes Joanne Rogers (Mrs. John) may have a more lucid recollection of the letters Lucille Connell wrote Sylvia than she and knows what transpired between her and George Butler. She thinks, however, that Mrs. Rogers may fear speaking of them.

They know much about Walker, Surrey and that crowd. I have again borrowed their copy of the large brochure of Dallas-paper assassination stories Surrey published. Some of them are quite interesting. They present a difficulty in copying because of size, about 14 x 24. I've just glanced at them but by the time we meet may have read them again and made a list of those I think should be copied. Can you inquire into whether your facilities are equal to this? I can, I am confident, do them with the 24 copier I have, but it will not be easy and may involve some waste. Dick Billings, for whom I had earlier borrowed it, was to have made a copy for me but didn't.

The Castorrs have misgivings about George Butler they did not have when they knew him. They agree he now had a different function than head of the juvenile bureau, which they believe could have been a cover for his real function. Trudy thinks part of his job could have been police internal intelligence, because some of the police were not trusted.

One of the reasons there was so much interest in Shreveport is less sinister than Jim infers. The DeForrest radio program originated there. Bob went there with Walker once to help him on this show. He went at the request of Walker's secretary.

I suggest that when we do get together, it be the six of us, at their home or yours, whichever you, Pat and the Castorrs prefer.It can be here.

I spoke to John Christian yesterday. His promises sometimes are not dependable, but he says for me to make plans for my California trip to begin 10/20, which I would prefer. I'll keep you posted on this.

Anxious to know how you made out.

Sincerely,